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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form which are all the references of record in parent application No. 10/119,721. Applicant is not submitting duplicate copies of these references but requests that they be listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application. (See 37 CFR §1.98(d)). Copies of any cited copending applications, if not previously submitted, are being submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

***Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication Nos. 7-27093 and 7-53907 correspond to U.S. Patent No. 5,193,730, all are being submitted herewith. A complete computer generated***

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*English translation of Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No.6-47665 is also being submitted.*

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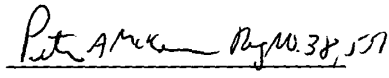
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